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TIME MAY BE SHORT

The speech of an army general commanding one of the major army installations in this country, recently pointed out, impressively, that our time may be limited. We think this is a very interesting observation, because none of us knows how much time we have left—in this year 1958.

By saying how much time we have "left," we refer to the massive challenge of the communist world, a challenge which is producing communist gains and which has led many prominent Americans to predict that we only have from to two to five years remaining when our superiority will deter an aggressor.

The great publicity splash concerning the Gaither committee — about a year ago — recalls the prediction of this committee, that from late 1959 through 1960, the United States would experience a period of maximum danger because of the preponderance of Soviet military power. Other estimates have said that Soviet power would increase until its lead over U. S. defense was at a dangerous stage by 1962, or 1963.

In any event, it might be well for every American to consider how much time he does have "left." For, if there is a nuclear war, it will take the United States many years to recapture the relatively plentiful and easy-going days we are enjoying now, after the nuclear destruction which will most probably be rained upon us.

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TO THE STUDENT

At this time of year, when students have now begun the 1958-59 school years, at both high schools and colleges, we think a word is in order for those. Even if this editorial is read by only one student, we think it is worth while writing it.

Of course, nothing is so free as advice, and yet advice is about all that an older person can give a boy or girl. As a result, every individual, when given the slightest excuse comes forth with words of advice.

The students of the high schools and colleges of our country live in an era which will challenge their intelligence as they attempt to express ideals in actual life. They are confronted with perhaps the greatest menace which has ever confronted our country, both on the domestic front and the international front. The problems of fantastic national debt, alarming deficits in current budgets, tension on the racial and labor fronts, farm unrest, and the continuence of the educational system itself, are more than enough to challenge any generation, much less the international perils of a nuclear age and struggle with the communistic way of life.

The fact that we, since our independence, have successfully maintained this independence—as far as external aggression is concerned—does not automatically solve the problems that confront the new generation. It is not for an editor, in an editorial, to outline an easy solution to these problems, or paint a rosy picture for the generation coming along.

On the other hand, we think those students in the United States today come along in a great era, when their country is the leading country of the world, and when the challenge they face is a tremendous one. We have plentiful resources, live in a country with plenty, and in an era when opportunities are great for young people.

The one suggestion we would seriously make, as far as serious advice is concerned, in a specific way, is that enlightened young men and women must have a purpose in life. It has been apparent to the wise men of the ages that the intelligent person, in the application of training and experience to the issues that will confront him, must have a fixed and guiding purpose in his mind and heart—if he is to get out life, and put into life, part of that which is available to him.

Therefore, every student should give some of his time to seriously thinking about the Divine plan of our universe, and the values of life which seem to be universal and eternal. Without some purpose, some course, even the sturdiest ship is reduced to a shambles.

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WOMAN

Although Americans sometimes do not realize it, they have done more for and to the female of the human race than any other nation in the history of the world. Unfortunately, in doing so much for the woman, we have done some things to her. The good things we have done are inspirational. You and I were born within the folds of the highest form of family life that the world has ever attained. We enjoy, without realizing the greatness of the system, all the advantages of our monogamic family.

Our society, and this system, has elevated woman, the chattel, to the principal of wife and mother; it has taken man from brutality to make him a faithful husband and a proud father, who honors his wife, rather than beating her using her for physical labors.

Unfortunately, the man in the family, in the United States, at least, has delegated so much of his responsibility in some cases that he remains merely a shell of a man, and not the head of the house. This has caused a weakening of our family structure in the United States, has encouraged the woman of the house to attempt to do more than she can possibly do, and to move into fields which both emotionally upset her and confuse her, and this abdication of responsibility has contributed to juvenile delinquency and to the break-up of families in some cases.

Therefore, along with the great progress we have made in uplifting the woman, it should be remembered that the man must accept his responsibilities or bring on an erosion of our social order.

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Even those who yearn for world peace as an ideal must be practical in the face of world conditions.

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Farmers should live off the products of their land as much as possible. What you grow yourself ought to be cheaper, generally, than what you have to buy.

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The basic problem in any problem is to find the facts.

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Snappy remarks are often senseless utterances.

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The human race has its problems, including you and me.

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The news is not to be confused with opinions about the news.

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A little prominence does not go to the head of a really prominent person.

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This is one of the best times you will ever have to pay your indebtedness.

Washington Notes

Urging Arms Safeguard

A special Senate subcommittee urges swift action in the United Nations to prevent outer space from being used for military purposes.

This recommendation is contained in a final report issued recently by the subcommittee on disarmament studies begun three years ago. The report was unanimously approved by the bipartisan gorup.

Boeing Top Contractor

Boeing Airplane Company, producer of Air Force jet bombers, has surplanted General Motors Corporation as the top recipient of military contracts, a Defense Department report disclosed recently.

Test Site Moved

Testing facilities for the Bomarc interceptor missile are being moved from Cape Canaveral, Florida to Santa Rosa Island, near Fort Walton, Florida, according to a recent Air Force announcement. Santo Rosa is a missile site of the proving ground at Eglin Air Force Base in northwest Florida.

Nation Losing Water

More than 21,000,000 acres of one-foot deep water is lost each year through evaporation from the water surfaces of streams, lakes, canals and reservoirs in the West.

"Enough water is lost every year by evaporation in the 17 western states to supply all towns and cities of the country, Department of Interior reports.

To Speak in Nebraska

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon will speak at a Republican fund-raising dinner in Lincoln, Nebraska, on October 25, one of his aides has announced.

New Device For Blind

A new device with which the blind can read print and typewriten letters has been demonstrated at the National Academy of Sciences. This "aural reading machine" was designed under a contract with the Veterans Administration.

"If further development justifies, the V. A. hopes to furnish the readers to blinded veterans for their home use within the next few years, together with organized training programs," according to the V. A. announcement.

Cultural Programs

The United States Information Agency is increasing cultural programs in a long-range effort toward creating better understanding of the country overseas.

George V. Allen, director, made this disclosure in the agency's semi-annual report to Congress.

'Hit' By Bombs

The vast air defence system of the United States and Canada was put to an unannounced test recently as jet bombers of the Strategic Air Command made sudden strikes at prime targets in the two countries.

Hearings Set

A Senate Small Business subcommittee has announced resumed hearings October 9 and 10 on competetive problems of independent dealers in automobile glass and flat glass.

Farm Export Decline

Farm exports during the year ended July 1 totaled $4,002,000,000 in value compared with $4,727,000,000 in the previous twelve month period.

The decline was principally in cotton, wheat and wheat flour, animal products and vegetable oils.

Increases were made in exports of feed grains and fruits and vegetables. Tobacco was about unchanged.

Comment On Sports

By Pete Fritchie

Washington.- A crystal-ball gaze at the National League's football future indicates that the Cleveland Browns will be the team to beat in the Eastern Division, and the Chicago Bears or Detroit Lions will be the top dog in the Western division.

Any way you look at it, it's going to be a nip-and-tuck race.

The crystal pigskin, in an admittedly hazy picture, also indicates that there won't be any undefeated teams in the Western division of the National League at season's end.

The club that finishes with an 8-4 season record will probably take the conference championship, if the crystal ball talks the straight dope.

The pigskin prognosticator says you can look for these possibilities —or, better yet: we'll go on a limb and call them probabilities — in the coming months:

Quarterback Lee Grosscup, of Utah, will be high in the pro draft, probably Number One.

Duke's halfback, Wray Carlton, will be high in the draft. He's big and fast.

The San Francisco 49'ers have been afraid the move of the New York Giants to Frisco would hurt their season ticket sales. Instead, the reverse will be true — season tickets for the 49'ers will increase, the crystal ball says.

Beckham

Beckham, Sept. 30.- Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Burge Jr. and family, Mrs. Fletcher Burge, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Burge, Dorothy Ann and Lou were last Monday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin and Mrs. Charles Tweedy.

Mrs. J. S. Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Moore on Saturday night.

Mrs. Josephine Duncan, of Martinsville was week-end guests of Mrs. T. M. Martin and Miss Eunice Martin.

Rev. Aaron Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Moore were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Ronnie and Carolyn Jo.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin, Gloria, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin, Jr., Faye and Janet were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Juston Morris, Glenn, and Mrs. J. T. Morris on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mays and Robert Burge, enjoyed a [illegible] at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell in Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Barbara Martin, Mr. and Mrs. G. Martin Jr., Lorna Tommy visited Mr. and Mrs. Yeatts and family on Sunday.

Mr. Paul Burge, Richmond and Walter Burge and Mrs. Frank Cundiff were Sunday afternoon guests.

H-Bomb Tested

London.- Britain's first hydrogen bomb high-altitude test of T.N.T. was equal to a Vickers Valiant bomber.

It was the second H-bomb explosion in two days. It was announced that the United States and Britain would meet the Soviet Union in Geneva October 31 to work out a treaty banning nuclear tests.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, Sept. 29.- At the Farmville fair last week, Louella Martin carried off the honors for the Lucky Clover 4-H Club. Her winnings included first prize for the church dress, second award for her Holstein calf, and second for fitting and grooming her calf.

Henry Covington, F. F. A. member, won first prize in the utility class of farm mechanics for a tractor posthole digger.

On Friday, Sept. 26, Mr. Joel Watkins, of Farmville, passed to the Bright Beyond. He was a gentleman of the old school, and the oldest citizen reared in this community. He was "The Mr. Watkins" of this generation.

One who has known him all her life says, "I have never known him to do an ignoble deed."

His funeral service was held at the Farmville Presbyterian Church on Sunday at 2:00 P. M. Interment was in the Westview Cemetery.

The reason for an all day meeting of the Pamplin Home Demonstration Club last Thursday was to make feed trays at one sitting. Mrs. Preston Coleman, of Appomattox, instructor in basketry, assisted in the project.

Mrs. Virginia Martin, president, announced that the club won second prize at the Farmville fair for its dried flower exhibit which was arranged by Mrs. Annie Ligon.

Mrs. Grace Williams was hostess.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Willie H. Brown will give a reception honoring their parents on their Golden Wedding anniversary, on Sunday, October 5, from 1:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M., at the Brown's home. Relatives and friends are invited.

As Edward Webb had just returned from a Lynchburg hospital, where he had been for treatment, he was not able to cut his tobacco. According to the neighborly practice, twenty-five farmers assembled in Edward's tobacco field on Friday. They cut the crop, put some in his barn and scaffolded the other.

General Electric has transferred Harwood Hix from Norfolk to Washington, D. C., where his work will begin Oct. 1. Mrs. Hix and Gwen will stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Proffitt, in Columbia, Va., until Harwood has found a place for his family to live.

A letter from Arnira ud Din, an International Exchange Student, of Pakistan, said he was having an interesting stay in Utah. He attended a fair, and saw a rodeo. He is living in the home of a Mormon family, and the way of life is very different from that in Virginia. The last of October, he will be homeward bound.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Harris, of Williamsburg, announce the birth of a son, Marshall Talmage, on Sept. 22, in Newport News. Mrs. Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Goin.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnipseed, of Georgia, and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Graham, of Mount Ulla, N. C., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans van Nes Allen returned to Tulsa on Thursday.

Gas Tank Piggy Bank

Joplin, Mo.- Mrs. Earl D. Pope wanted a piggy bank she couldn't shake money out of until she was ready to pay her tuition at Joplin Junior College. She thought of the gas tank of her car.

Mechanics took it off and removed $85 in small change. This was more than enough for the enrollment fee — and the $5 the mechanics charged for removing the tank.

U. S. airlines mark 30 years in Latin America.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Sept. 29.- This community was grieved to near of the sudden death of Mrs. A. C. Almond, who died this morning about four o'clock. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

Mrs. Juddy Glover spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. T. D. Harris and family, of near Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cyrus and daughter, "Cindy," of Lynchburg, were Friday night guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cyrus, Sr.

Mr. George Almond and son, Keith, of Lynchburg, called to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond Saturday.

Those who called to see Mrs. Juddy Glover Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green and Miss Audry Lee Anderson, of Farmville, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Tolley and son, Roy Allen, of Lynchburg.

Darn Those Planes!

Wichita, Kan.- Johnnie Eli, of Wichita, told that he became confused by circle drives at Municipal Airport and suddenly noticed a plane trying to crowd him off the road.

The pilot of a DC-6 passenger airliner, starting to take off, slowed his plane just in time to avoid hitting Eli's auto on a runway. The wing of the plane came so close to the car that the pilot noted its license number and radioed it to the control tower.

Start Movin'

Charlotte, N. C.- Nine-year-old John McDermott, Jr., ran into the back of a car going the same way that John was running.

"That's what the boy's father told city police while John was being treated at a hospital for a bump on his head. It seems young John stirred up a wasp nest and had to move fast.

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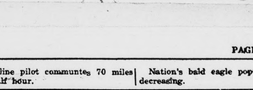

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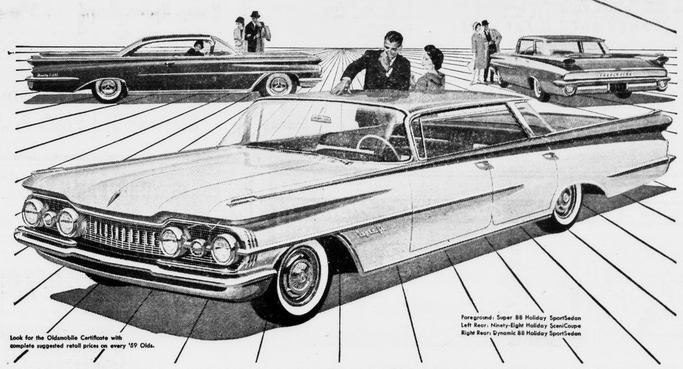

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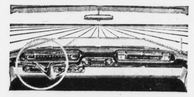

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Mrs. Thomas Edward the proud parents of a born in a Richmond hos-

Mrs. Howard Ferguson, gia, Va., were recent r. and Mrs. Jesse Frank- family.

from here attended the Miss Peyton Abbitt Mon-

ning Mr. and Mrs. G. Sunday were Mr. and Thompson, Mr. Howard Jim Page, of Lynch- Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Farmville.

Mrs. W. H. Smith and s of Alexandria, spent ed with her parents, Mr. E. Warriner. Others ended some home were Mr. Ernest Farrar, Mr. and Staples, and Mr. and Mrs.

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R. F. D. 1.- Mr. and Mrs. ker are the proud grand- a baby girl, born to Mr. Farmer, Lee Chapman, the September, in a Richmond

the home of Mr. and Webber Sunday were Mrs. Billy Webber, Mr. and Webber, Mr. Leslie Webber, all of Pamplin.

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